

In the claims:

Claims 1-17, 21 and 22 (canceled)

18 (original): A method of preparing a cylindrical blank of lens material for lathe cutting a lens therefrom comprising:

attaching to the lens blank a block of plastic material with an adhesive curable by ultraviolet radiation, said block being transparent to ultraviolet radiation, and transmitting ultraviolet radiation through the block to cure the adhesive.

19 (original): The method of claim 18, further comprising, following lathe cutting a desired first lens surface in the blank, attaching to the cut first lens surface of the blank a second block of plastic material with an adhesive curable by ultraviolet radiation, said second block being transparent to ultraviolet radiation, and transmitting ultraviolet radiation through this second block to cure the adhesive.

20 (original): The method of claim 18, wherein the lens is a contact lens.

23 (currently amended): A method comprising:

polishing a lathe cut lens surface with a polishing pad including a polishing agent applied thereto but lacking solvent or a liquid suspension for said polishing agent applied thereto; and

subsequently removing residues of the polishing agent from the lens ~~when~~ while the lens is hydrated in an aqueous bath, said method avoiding use of a nonaqueous solvent or liquid suspension to remove residues of the polishing agent from the lens.